

Sanctification bible study- No One Becomes Godly on accident

There are times when we pray to have more of Jesus in our life. Though you may never verbalize it, in the depths of our hearts, sometimes what we are really saying is "I want to feel Jesus more." Feelings are good, but feeling more of Jesus doesn't necessarily mean having more of Jesus. Our walk with Jesus is a continual growth process. As we seek Him, in changes and transforms us.

As you think about your walk with Jesus, what are some things that can hinder us in walking more closely with Jesus?

Why do you think it's challenging to get over these barriers?

As we think about growing in our walk with Jesus we are going to focus on 4 different areas. Time in the Word, Prayer, Fellowship, and Witnessing.

Time in the Word: You can't be growing in your walk with Jesus if you aren't spending time in the Word. Read this verse together.

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, or joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12

What part of this verse stands out to you? What do you learn about God as you read this verse? What do you learn about yourself?

Prayer: What comes to your mind when you think of prayer? Read this verse together.

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself; God I thank you that I am not like other men-- robbers, evildoers, adulterers-- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get. But the tax collector stood at a distance. He could not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, God have mercy on me, a sinner. Luke 18:10-13

What part of this verse stands out to you? What do you learn about God as you read this verse? What do you learn about yourself?

Witnessing: How often do you share your faith? What hinders you from sharing your faith with others? Read this verse together.

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and

of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of me but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Notice how Paul was scared. But, fear didn't stop the Gospel being proclaimed. What part of this verse stands out to you? What do you learn about God as you read this verse? What do you learn about yourself?

Fellowship: read this verse together.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24

What part of this verse stands out to you? What do you learn about God as you read this verse? What do you learn about yourself?

As we grow in our walk with Jesus, we are being sanctified. Here is an explanation of what sanctification is: Sanctification is the process of being set apart for God's work and being conformed to the image of Christ. This conforming to Christ involves the work of the person. But it is still God working in the believer to produce more of a godly character and life in the person who has already been justified (**Phil. 2:13**). --[**for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.**] Sanctification is not instantaneous because it is not the work of God alone. The justified person is actively involved in submitting to God's will, resisting sin, seeking holiness, and working to be more godly (**Gal. 5:22-23**)--[**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**] [taken from carm.org]

Application:

Time in the Word. Consider reading Ephesians together as a familia. Hold each other accountable for your time in the Word. Remember, you can't be growing in your walk with Jesus if you aren't in the Word.

Prayer: Take a sheet of paper and number it to 25. Write down the first 25 things that come to your mind and pray for those things.

Witnessing: Share your faith with at least one person this week

Fellowship: hang out with your familia!